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HELLS ANGELS MEMBER SENTENCED TO 51 MONTHS FOR 2002 LAUGHLIN BRAWL

LOS ANGELES — Hells Angels member Calvin Shaefer was sentenced for his role in the 2002 Laughlin River Run brawl between the Hells Angels and Mongols outlaw motorcycle gangs, today announced John A. Torres, Special Agent in Charge, Los Angeles Field Division. Six Hells Angels members each pleaded guilty to one count of Violent Crime in Aid of Racketeering (VICAR) in October 2006.

On Jan. 12, 2006, in a Nevada federal courtroom, U.S. District Court Judge James Mahan, sentenced Shaefer to 51 months in federal prison to run concurrent with a 54 month sentence Shaefer received previously in Arizona. Shaefer's sentence is a result of a plea agreement reached with the government while on trial with 40 additional members of the Hells Angels operating as part of a racketeering enterprise. During the melee, Shaefer fired a firearm at Richard Nolan and Benjamin Leyva injuring both men.

Five additional Hells Angels are scheduled to be sentenced in February 2007. They include: Rodney Cox who pleaded guilty to striking a Mongol with a wrench; Maurice Eunice who pleaded guilty to shooting a firearm and striking a Mongol; Raymond Foakes who pleaded guilty to kicking a Mongol, which started the brawl between the two outlaw motorcycle gangs; James Hannigan who pleaded guilty to stabbing a Mongol; and Dale Leedom who pleaded guilty to stabbing a Mongol.

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